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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

BENOIT DE CROMBRUGGHE
HARUHIKO AKIYAMA

Serial No.: 10/534,099

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For: HA4, A NEW OBSTEOBLAST-AND
CHONDROCYTE-SPECIFIC SMALL
SECRETED PEPTIDE, COMPOSITIONS
AND METHODS OF USE

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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS DATED DECEMBER 22, 2005**

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P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of one month to and including March 22, 2006 in which to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated December 22, 2005.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$60.00 is enclosed, which includes the process fee (\$60.00) for a one month extension of time.

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If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit appropriate fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No.: 50-1212/UTSC:772US.

Respectfully submitted,



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